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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Our existing telecommunication network is a national resource, not the property of one company (which after being declared a monopoly and forcibly split up was somehow able to reassemble). This infrastructure is a critical shared resource owned by everyone.

Competition in a fair and free market is the root of our nation. Our current administration (your bosses) are out there fighting for free and fair trade every day. We must not freeze out small competitors that are the lifeblood of job creation and value-add throughout this country.

I have competition in my phone and (DSL) internet market solely because of existing law providing shared access to our shared infrastructure. We need to preserve a competitive environment -- or grow it! -- not reduce competition.

I have taken advantage of that competition for more than a decade. Please do not take that choice away. Please do not force me to once again become a victim of an already-proven monopoly. Preserve broadband competition so I can continue to benefit from its advantages. Preserve CLECs. Preserve the 1996 Telecommunications Act.

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